



Annual General Meeting

Saturday, September 24, 2022
Ranchmen's Club

Council Members: Toni-Marie Ion-Brown, Joe Scorgie, Mel Miners, Linda Robinson, Ashley James, Regrets: Max Labhardt, Llyn Strelau, and Susan Bauerfind

Bailli Toni-Marie Ion-Brown called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Council Reports were made by the Council Members present, and read out for Vice-Conseiller Gastronomique Max Labhardt, Chargée de Mission Susan Bauerfind, and Vice-Conseiller Llyn Strelau. The reports are attached in their entirety.

Bailli Ion-Brown reviewed the events we were able to host, and thanked the professional members that hosted us over the last year, she also thanked council for their support and announced she was moving to National Council and that Joe Scorgie would be assuming her current role as Bailli Regional.

The Bailli read out the report of those council members not in attendance, please see attached reports.

Joe Scorgie, Vice-Chancelier, itemized current membership and 24 new Intronizations. All this is itemized in his report, attached. This year's intronization will be held at SAIT on December 16th. Mr. Scorgie also mentioned that 2024 is the 50th anniversary of the Calgary Chaîne. Please forward any thoughts you have for celebrating this to him.

Mel Miners, Vice-Argentier thanked his wife, Marion Miners for her help with the accounting. He has also achieved his goal of drawing down the surplus cash position of the Bailliage to a level more in line with our status as a non-profit organization. See attached financial report.

Linda Robinson, Vice-Echanson, ran a successful Jeunes Sommelier Competition this year with our local winner Julian Simard-Gillis of the Post Hotel advancing to the International Competition in Wiesbaden Germany. She also managed several excellent OM events throughout the year.

Ashley James, Vice-Chargée de Presse, announced we are growing our social media presence on both Facebook and Instagram and have been rather successful in the latter. Ashley strives to have photos posted on social media on the night of the event as sometimes due to our use of a third party contractor it can take longer to get photo's and a write up to the website.

Questions from the Floor:

Paul Salo mentioned he did not receive the invitation to the Rose at Rundlewood event despite being an l'Ordre Mondial Member. Joe Scorgie informed him that the dates of all the year's events may be found on the home page of our website but will bring the missing invite to the attention of our Chargée de Mission.

Liz Middleton asked if more communication of events could be done through social media. Council will consider if this fits in with the communication strategy of council.

Mr. Painsi also asked about the size of the Calgary Baillage and stated that we used to have a membership of 50 members who typically attend most of the dinners. He commented that he did not think we could hold a Chaîne Dinner for all of our current members.

Beat Hegnauer asked about an email from council outlining our seating policy / tradition of ensuring members were seated with new / other members at each dinner and asked "why if we've paid for a ticket can I not sit with whom I choose?" Joe Scorgie responded that it has always been a top priority of the Chaîne to promote comradery of the table and that sitting with new and different members regularly was how we have traditionally achieved this. Liz Middleton asked if there was a chance to compromise on this policy and Toni-Marie responded that council would take this request under consideration.

Maggie Rigaux stated that she enjoyed the practice of being seated with different members at each DA as did Katheen McNally-Leitch.

Kenneth Titcomb asked about the possibility of bringing back the pins with the XX markings of Commandeurs, Mel responded that he thought that was a Paris decision and was beyond our control but would move the question up to national.

The AGM was adjourned at 6:00 by Jori Guetg, seconded by Fritz Painsi.